

shape conforming to the curved transparent cover on an inside thereof when the transparent cover is detached from the top side of the actuating frame.

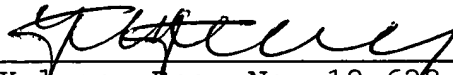
As to the Examiner's Response to Arguments, which are incorporated therein by reference to avoid undue redundancy, applicant still believes the combination of the three references to be based on hindsight gleaned from applicant's teaching but pointed out previously that, even if the combination were valid, neither Shih nor Melind suggests the claimed configuration of the information sheet and cover. In fact, as explained in detail on pages 7-9 of the previously filed amendment and is further explained hereinabove, neither patent suggests features ©)(3) and (d)(1) of claim 19. The structures of Shih and Melind do **not** provide a curved transparent cover over a label, in which the label is securely held on the inside of the cover when the cover is detached. Rather, as applicant has previously explained in detail, if an attempt were made to place a label in the inside of the curved cover, it would fall out of it. Nothing in these patents suggests a structure enabling the secure mounting of a label in a cover before the assembly of cover and label is placed on the handle of the stamp. Whether Melind's flanges 11 are made of flexible material or not, an elongated flange inserted into a groove **never snaps** into place. It is respectfully submitted

that the Examiner's further speculation that "an appropriately sized information sheet" could be used in Melind's stamp would involve a differently sized recess 17, none of which finds any suggestion in the patent. There is not a line in either the Shih or Melind disclosure suggesting the possibility of pre-assembling a cover and label before this assembly is placed on the stamp handle. The advantage of this has been explained by applicant and no obvious reconstruction of the prior art makes this obvious. Thus, no combination of these patents with the Wahl et al patent can arrive at the claimed self-inking hand stamp.

A sincere effort having been made to overcome all grounds of rejection, favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 19, 20, 22, 24 and 25 are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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